

In addition to the Chief, the Department has four full-time officers and four auxiliary policemen who work whenever extra help is needed. The Chief, who should be able to devote all of his time to directing the operations of the Police Department has several other responsibilities. In addition to his public safety duties, he is town Tax Collector and in charge of the Public Works Department. About 60 percent of his time is devoted to supervising public works activities.

The four full-time policemen ordinarily work nine hour shifts, but each man is assigned one twelve hour shift every week. Normally two full-time officers, who perform general police duties, are on duty at all times. Although members of the force work a 57 hour week, each man has one day a week free. The police radio in Draper, which links this Department with police in Leaksville and Spray, the County Sheriff's office, and the Tri-City Rescue Squad, is operated by a member of the Fire Department. Police records are kept by personnel in the town's Administrative Department.

The Draper Police Department has no local training facilities. Officers use the firing range and other facilities at the Rockingham County Peace Officers Training Center at Wentworth. Once a year, to improve their proficiency, the men on the force attend a two-week police school at the center. There is no prescribed on-the-job training period for recruits.

The Draper Police Department has three radio equipped patrol cars: a 1966, a 1965, and a 1964 Chevrolet. Each year the oldest car is replaced by a new one. Aside from these patrol cars the Police Department does not have any special equipment.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- It is recommended that the Police Chief be relieved of his public works and tax collection duties so that he can devote his full attention to the operations of the Police Department.
- It is recommended that the strength of the force be increased and the work schedule be reorganized to shorten the length of duty hours.
- It is recommended that a group of reasonable minimum qualifications governing the selection of new policemen be adopted and a definite training period be established for recruits.